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Addendum

Coordination questions: draft system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 2002-2005

(Item 5 (c))

Proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 2002-2005

1. At its 4th meeting, on 12 June 2001, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 2002-2005 (E/CN.6/2001/4), the letter dated 24 May 2001 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Chairperson of the Committee (E/AC.51/2001/8) and its annexes, resolution 45/3 on the proposed plan and the comments by some Member States of the Commission on the Status of Women on the proposed plan.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the report and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the item.

Discussion

3. It was acknowledged that the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed plan had been fully discussed by Member States at the forty-fifth session of the

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Commission on the Status of Women and at its resumed forty-fifth session, in May 2001.

4. The view was expressed that it is important to eradicate trafficking in women and girls and work towards eliminating traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women.

5. It was further expressed that the document had been thoroughly studied, and in order for it to be a fruitful one it should have included measures adopted by the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, held in June 2000, at which the Assembly had encouraged the regional commissions to develop a database system to include programmes and projects of all the organizations of the United Nations system as a further means of evaluating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

6. The view was expressed that information on programmes and activities carried out to implement the Beijing Platform for Action was not well known and that there should be greater dissemination of information in this regard.

Conclusion and recommendation

7. The Committee took note of the report by the Secretary-General on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 2002-2005 (E/CN.6/2001/4), and of the letter dated 24 May 2001 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Chairperson of the Committee (E/AC.51/2001/8).